THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) As per the Government policy, access to telecommunications is of utmost importance for achievement of the country's social and economic goals. Availability of affordable and effective communications for the citizens is at the core of the vision and goal of the telecom policy.

The Access Deficit Charge arises out of tariff rebalancing exercise for providing affordable and effective communications to the citizen. Department of Telecommunications is responsible for formulation and implementation of telecommunication policies in the country.

Government had sought comments of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India on the proposed policy directions under Section 25 of the TRAI.

Officers of BSNL booked for corruption

936. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some officers of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have been booked for corruption by the CBI during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof year-wise; and

(c) the departmental action taken so far against these tainted officers of BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Year-wise details and departmental action taken against the tainted officers of BSNL are given below:

Calender Year	Cases booked by CBI	Prosecution sanction initiated	Officer prosecuted by Court	Departmental action initiated	Officer dismissed
2002	70	60	03	89	03
2003	67	31	-	32	-
2004	65	28	-	16	-